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S. Sand  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: )  
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Russell Bell ) Group Art Unit: 2152  
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Serial No.: 09/357,720 ) Examiner: Vu, Thong H.  
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Filed: July 21, 1999 )  
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For: System and Method for )  
Communicating in a Point-to- )  
Multipoint DSL Network )

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FIRST RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Office Action mailed *January 29, 2002* (Paper No. 2) has been carefully considered.

In response thereto, please consider the following remarks.

**In the Specification**

Please substitute the following clean-text paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 18.